IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : DELIVERY OF DNA OR RNA VIA GAP JUNCTIONS FROM

HOST CELLS TO TARGET CELLS AND A CELL-BASED

DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR ANTISENSE OR SIRNA

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2008, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the pending claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully petition for a two-month extension of time to file this Response on or before February 16, 2009.

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